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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: October 29, 1952

SUBJECT: Call of the Iranian Ambassador, Mr. Allah-Yar Saleh,
upon the Acting Secretary of State.

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PARTICIPANTS: The Iranian Ambassador

Mr. David Bruce
OTI- Mr. Stutesman

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The Iranian Ambassador called upon me at his own request at 11:00 a.m., October 29. He declared that he was not under any instructions from his Government to make the call but wished first of all to pay his personal respects and secondly, to urge continued United States attention to the difficult and dangerous Iranian situation. He spoke of the recent communist demonstration in Tehran against the Shah on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday as evidence of continued deterioration of the situation in Iran. He expressed a fervent hope that the United States would do something.

I asked whether the Ambassador had any ideas regarding the nature and direction of such United States action. The Ambassador said he had no suggestions to make but hoped the United States Government would think of something to do. I stated that in my view the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute was now reduced essentially to a commercial problem involving payment of compensation due and establishment of pricing and marketing arrangements to produce income for Iran from the sale of its oil resources. I then sketched an outline of the Iranian situation pointing out that resolution of Iran's major difficulties depend upon settlement of the oil dispute. The Ambassador asked if this meant that Iran and the United States had to await a decision by the Anglo-Iranian

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Oil Company. I replied that commercially the best arrangement for the sale of Iranian oil would be through companies possessing large transportation and marketing facilities and that in any case, Iran would have to face the fact that Iranian oil will not move unless it is on the basis of arrangements which allow profits to the commercial companies involved.

The Ambassador stated that Mr. Carter of Consolidated Brokerage Company had informed him that the State Department had prevented the United States military establishment from buying the oil products presently stored at Abadan in consideration of the fact that title to those oil products was in question. I said I was not aware of this incident but pointed out to the Ambassador that oil brokers were always looking for markets.

The Ambassador thanked me for the opportunity to have this conversation and reiterated his hope that the State Department would continue to give attention to the Iranian situation. I replied that it was my observation that whenever I tried to get together a group of the top men in the State Department they were usually to be found engaged in discussions of Iranian affairs.

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